(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) There is no scheme for Price Support for Poultry Products during lean months.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A proposal for Market Intervention for Eggs, however, is under consideration of Government.

Shortage of fodder in Gujarat

♦415. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Gujarat Govern ment in their latest memorandum to the Central Government have convey ed that the internal supply of fodder for Gujarat would be only 25 per cent; and

(b) if so, whether the rest 75 per cent would be supplied by the Cen tre or whether the Centre would see that Gujarat is able to get the re quired fodder from the other States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) According to the memorandum of the Gujarat Government, the availability of fodder in the State would be about 26.6 per cent of the naional requirements of fodder for distribution to the cattle in the drought-affected areas.

(b) The Centre extends assistance to the State Government in procurement of fodder from outside the State and augmenting fodder availability within the State through cultivation on private and public lands.

Propaganda by the Chinese Radio

•416. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) what steps Government are taking to effectively counteract the propaganda blast of the Chinese Radio network directed at the population in the Indian border areas;

(lb) whether Government are aware that programmes of the All India Radio Stations beamed to these areas are not clearly audible; and

(c) if so, what measures are being taken to remove this defect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The broadcasts of Chinese Radio are monitored by All India Radio. In case any information broadcast by Chinese Radio is regarded as inaccurate, All India Radio Stations take appropriate corrective action.

(b) and (c) Government are aware that during night time due to inter ference caused by transmission from neighbouring countries there is shrink age in the service area of the said transmitters and the radio coverage gets reduced. Effective steps are being taken during the Seventh Plan by in creasing the power of the existing transmitters, regular monitoring and hy establishing a number of new radio stations.

Illiteracy among the tribals in M.r

•417, SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether according to the 1931 census, the literacy percentage in some of the backward and tribal blocks in Bastar, Dhar, Jhabua and Khargona